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-OF THE-

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-OF THE-

TOWN OF WINDHAM,

-FOR THE-

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1886.



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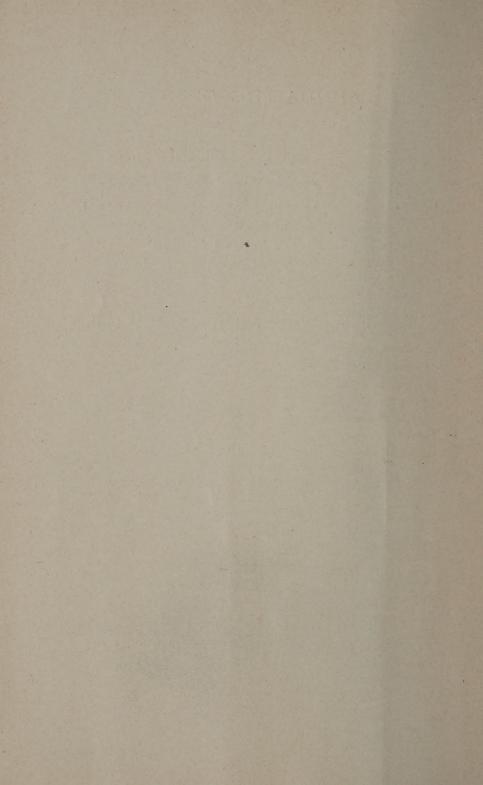
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF WINDHAM, TAKEN APRIL 1, 1885.

	VALUE.
No. of polls, 175,	\$17,500 00
Real estate, resident,	205,180 00
" non-resident,	79,692 00
No. horses, 190,	11,422 00
" oxen, 24,	1,550 00
" cows, 423,	11,364 00
" neat stock, 49,	1,050 00
" sheep, 116,	374 00
" hogs, 43,	436 00
" carriages, 2,	120 00
Money at interest,	9,188 00
Value of stock in trade,	14,084 00
" mills and machinery,	9,800 00
	\$361,760 00

WHOLE AMOUNT ASSESSED.

State tax,	\$724	00
County tax,	896	65
School tax,	633	50

Money voted for schools,	\$350 00
" raised for town charges,	200 00
" " road machine,	500 00
Highway tax,	361 76
School house tax, district No. 3,	50 00
Dog tax,	60 00
Overlay,	136 24
	\$3 912 15

Rate per cent. \$9.50 per \$1,000, money.
"" " 1.00 " " highway.

TOWN OFFICERS.

PaidB. E. Blanchard, services as superin-	
tending school committee,	\$40 00
Horace Berry, services as collector,	50 00
E. O. Dinsmoor, " " supervisor,	5 00
A. F. Campbell, " " "	5 00
J. L. Cottle, " " "	5 00
L. A. Morrison, " " moderator,	2 00
J. P. Crowell, "-" treasurer,	25 00
James Cochran, " " town clerk,	25 00
A. E. Simpson, balance of service as	
selectman ending Mar. 1, 1885,	3 00
Charles Smith, balance of services as	
selectman ending March 1, 1885,	3 00

Paid H. S. Reynolds, services as selectman,	\$65	75
W. D. Cochran, " " "	49	00
S. L. Prescott, "" "	28	00
E. O. Dinsmoor, services as auditor,	4	00
F. J. Hughes, "" ""	4	00
	-	
	\$313	75

PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid District No.	1, town appropriation,	\$187	83
	literary fund,	6	91
	dog tax,	6	28
	2, town appropriation,	190	29
	literary fund,	8	98
	dog tax,	6	28
	3, town appropriation,	153	07
	literary fund,	20	02
	dog tax,	6	28
	4, town appropriation,	115	52
	literary fund,	8	29
	dog tax,	6	28
	5, town appropriation,	123	80
	literary fund,	9	67
	dog tax,	6	28
	6, town appropriation,	125	51
	literary fund,	9	67
	dog tax,	6	28

Paid District No.	7, town appropriation, literary fund,*	\$90 4	58 17
	dog tax,	6	28
		\$1.098	27

*Literary money due District No. 7.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

airs	on	road	machine		
				\$3	75
abor	on	road	machine,		
				. 88	00
abor	on l	highw	vay,1885,	20	85
66	66	66		. 5	25
66	66	66	"	10	91
lab	or	with	team on		
ays,	188	5,		330	00
bor	on h	ighw	ay, 1885,	23	85
66		66	46	7	80
66		. 66	66	17	46
66		66	6.6	26	51
66		66	66	13	65
66		46	66	8	00
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Paid V	V.H. Armstrong	, labor	on highv	vay, '85,	\$7	95
	atrick Hayes,	66	"	66	8	00
E	O. Dinsmoor,	66	66	66	9	89
W	. H. Proctor,	66	66	1884,	1	20
M	artin Fitzgerald	, 66	66	1885,	17	63
A	. A. Goodwin,	66	. 66	46	4	05
Jo	hn A. Park,	66	66	66	24	45
S.	L. Prescott, pla	nk and	d stringer	s,1885,	12	60
	" lab	or on h	nighway,	1885,	17	65
H	. B. Johnson,	6	66	66	5	00
A.	O. Alexander,		66	66	5	25
W	. D. Cochran,	labor o	on buildi	ng and		
	repairing stone	bridge	es and w	vork on		
	highway, 1885,				60	86
W	. D. Cochran, 1	oridge	stringer	s,	3	00
	"	coverir	ng stone,		. 1	00
A	T. Simpson, 1	abor o	n highwa	ay,	37	70
В.	E. Blanchard,	66			11	63
	· · fo	or rai	ling and	d labor		
	putting up the s	same,			7	98
W	. A. Dinsmoor,	labor	on high	vay,	. 13	20
H.	S. Reynolds, la	bor or	highwa	y,1885,	16	61
					0011	-
					\$841	59

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Barker & Bean, printing reports, 1884,	\$30 00
Herbert W. Mann, damage to wagon,	
1885.	1 75

Paid	Geo. W. Russell & Son, for one hearse,	\$400	00
	Worcester & Nashua Railroad, freight on hearse,	13	20
	School district No. 3, repair money, 1885,		00
	Geo. W. Taft, steel blade for road	30	00
	machine, 1885,	6	00
	Geo. S. Neal, for public watering trough		
	1883-4-5,	5	00
	John W. M. Worledge, public watering		
	trough, 1885,	3	00
	Willard E. Dow, public watering trough		
	1882-3-4-5,		00
	Olen Parker, public watering trough, 1885.	2	00
	H. Berry, postage, stationery and tax	9	CO
	bills, 1885,	9	60
	A. E. Simpson, public watering trough, 1885,	9	00
	H. B. Johnson, public watering trough,		00
	1885,	2	00
	W. D. Cochran, lumber and labor repair-		
	ing hearse house,	17	18
	W. D. Cochran, bolts and oil for road		
	machine,		60
	B. E. Blanchard, for school books,	10	00
	W. A. Dinsmoor, for public watering		
	trough, 1885,	2	00
	A. L. Barker, public watering trough,		
	1885,	2	00
	H. S. Reynolds, cash paid for books,		
	stationery,	8	08
	H. S. Reynolds, for counsel,	2	00

Paid H. S. Reynolds, expenses out of town,	\$12	92
" postage, express,	1	45
W. D. Cochran, for car fare,	9	27
Abel Dow, interest,	5	00
James Cochran, wood and other supplies		
furnished for town house, 1885,	13	67
James Cochran, care of town and hearse		
house and making snow paths, 1884-5,	14	00
James Cochran, making return of births,		
marriages and deaths, 1885,	5	00
A. F. Campbell, agent for W. S. Lam-		
son, damage to milk wagon, 1885,	10	00
B. H. Hughes, public watering trough,	2	00
F. J. Hughes, " " "	2	00
	\$643	72

CEMETERIES.

Paid P. S. Call, labor and care of cemeteries		
on the plain, 1884,	\$5	00
W. D. Cochran, labor on cemetery on		
the hill, 1884,	4	75
W. D. Cochran, labor cemetery on the		
hill, 1885,		25
P. S. Call, labor old cemetery on plain,	3	00
" care and labor in new ceme-		
tery on the plain,	12	90

Paid P. S. Call, for ploughing and seeding down west side in the new cemetery	
on the plain,	\$ 5 0 0
P. S. Call, grass seed for same,	1 89
	\$37 79

NESMITH LIBRARY.

PaidBarker & Bean, printing labels for li-		
brary books, 1884,	\$1	79
John E. Cochran, services as librarian,	60	00
ink, postage, etc.,		85
Trustees Nesmith Library, int. on fund,	60	00
J. S. Cogswell, services procuring libra-		
ry books and paper for covering books,	5	50
for binding library books,	15	60
W. D. Cochran, express on books,	1	00
	\$144	74

BOUNTY ON WILD ANIMALS.

Paid H. S. Reynolds, bounty paid on 327 woodchucks, \$32 70

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid H. Berry, for cash paid in assisting Mr.	
Russell,	\$4 63
P. S. Call, digging grave and burying	
Russell child,	1 50
	\$6 13

TRAMPS.

Paid H. S. Reynolds, for keeping 17 tramps,	\$10 55
W. D. Cochran, for keeping 3 tramps,	1 50
S. L. Prescott, for keeping 1 tramp,	75
	\$12 80

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

PaidS. L. Prescott, c	ollecto	r, 1882,	\$3	34
6 6	6.6	1883,	17	89
Horace Berry,	66	1884,		90
66	66	1885,	5	34
Geo. F. Armstron	g,over	-valuation,1885,	2	10
			\$29	57

RECAPITULATION:

DEBTOR.

Whole amount received and due the treasury for the year 1885,

\$6,057 70

CREDIT.

- · ·				
Paid state tax,	\$724	00		
county tax,	896	65		
town officers,	313	75		
education,	1,098	27		
highways and bridges,	841	59		
miscellaneous,	643	72		
cemeteries,	37	79		
bounty on wild animals,	32	70		
tramps,	12	80		
county paupers,	6	13		
Nesmith library,	144	74		
abatement of taxes,	29	57		
highway receipts, 1882-3-4,	119	36		
highway receipts, 1885,	250	42		
due from collector, 1883,	348	37		
due from collector, 1885,	50	00		
Cash in treasury March 1, 1886,	512	01.		
		_		
	\$6,061	87		
Due dist. No. 7, literary fund,	4	17		
			\$6,057	70

FINANCIAL STANDING.

The following is the financial standing of the town, March 1, 1886:

Assets of the treasury, Due from county,

\$910 38 6 13

\$916 51

LIABILITIES.

Due district No. 7, literary money, 'dog tax,

60 00

\$4 17

Balance in favor of the town,

\$852 34

\$64 17

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM S. REYNOLDS, Selectmen WM. D. COCHRAN, of SAM'L L. PRESCOTT, Windham.

We, the undersigned auditors, have this day examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. O. DINSMOOR, Auditors. F. J. HUGHES,

Windham, March 1, 1886.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March 1, 1886:—

DEBTOR.

To cash in tre	easury I	Mar. 1	, 1885,	\$440	81		
due	from col	lector	for 1882	2, 39	17		
6 6	66.	6.6	1883	617	13		
6.6	6.6	66.	1884	, 50	00		
taxes assess	sed for t	he yea	r, 1885	, 3,852	15		
tax on dogs	,			60	00		
cash receive	ed state,	railro	ad tax,	286	10		
cash receive	ed state,	saviņ	gs banl	k			
tax,			1 1 1	588	65		
cash receive	ed state,	litera	ry fund	, 67	71		
cash receive	ed state,	for rei	mburse	:-			
ment boun	ities on	woodc	hucks,	36	40		
cash receive	ed of A.	Dow,	bowling	or S			
alley,				5	00	•	
cash receive	ed of Ja	mes C	Cochran	,			
use of tow	n house	,		9	00		
interest of c	ollector	1882,	,		58		
				-		\$6,057	70

CREDIT.

Paid	state tax	,		\$724	00		
	county ta	ax,		896	65		
	103 orde:	rs,		3,156	89		
	highway	receipt	s, 1882,	5	34		
	66	66	1883,	82	76		
	66	6.6	1884,	. 31	26		
	66	66	1885,	250	42		
Taxe	es due fro	om colle	ector for 18	883, 348	37		
Taxe	es due fro	om colle	ector for 18	885, 50	00		
Cash	in treas	ury,		512	01		
		·		-	\$	6,057	70

J. P. CROWELL, TREAS.

We the undersigned auditors have this day examined the above accounts and find them correct with satisfactory vouchers,

E. O. DINSMOOR, Auditors. F. J. HUGHES,

TOWN HOUSE.

DEBTOR.

Paid James Cochran, care of town house,	10 0	0
James Cochran, for wood,	11 00	0
James Cochran, for supplies,	2 6	7
	\$23 6'	7

CREDIT.

Rec'd from Skating Co.,	\$2	00
Comical Brown,	2	00
Ladies Annual Circle,	1	00
" Festival,	3	00
Marnis Punch and Judy show,	1	00
		00

MINISTERIAL FUND.

REPORT OF THE AGENT.

DEBTOR.

To two bonds against City of Man-				
chester, \$1	,500	00		
amount in Manchester Savings				
Bank, State	487	94		
interest on money in Bank,	19	48		
interest on bonds, and the transfer	90	00		
			\$2,097	42
CREDIT.				

by two bonds against city of Man-	
chester, \$1,500	00
amount in Manchester Savings	
Bank, 487	94
Paid interest on bank to Presby-	
terian religious society, 19	48
Paid interest on bonds to Pres-	
byterian religious society, 90	00
	 \$2,097 42

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL CAMPBELL, AGENT.

REPORT

-OF THE-

COMMITTEE ON CEMETERIES,

-FOR THE-

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

Paid W. D. Cochran, labor and care		
of cemetery on the hill,	\$5	25
P. S. Call, care and labor on		
the old cemetery on plain,	3	00
For care and labor in the new		
cemetery,	12	90
For plowing and seeding down		
the west side,	5	00
For grass seed,	1	89

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CEMETERY FUNDS.

Received from sale of seven lots in		
cemetery on the plain,	\$21	00
Received from sale of four lots in		
cemetery on the hill,	12	00

Money deposited in the Merrimack
River Savings Bank, Manchester,
as cemetery fund of Windham,
Nov. 30, 1885, \$102 00
Deposited Jan. 1, 1886, 27 00
In treasury, 6 00

In submitting this report we would remark that we have not accomplished all we would have desired. Perhaps we have done all public sentiment demanded except a small job of mason work in the cemetery on the hill. Small jobs are apt to be put off on the plan "that they can be done any time." Your committee are sorry it was neglected until too late in the season to do the work. We think that Mr. P. S. Call, sexton of the cemeteries on the plain, has given general satisfaction. He has kept every part neat and made the cemeteries to reflect credit upon the town. The sexton has taken personal interest in the care and has suggested many improvements.

We think seeding down the west side will be a great improvement to the general appearance of the cemetery. The sexton was ordered to dig up all the bushes in the new cemetery. If bushes are only cut off they keep sprouting and the stumps are unsightly; it costs more at first but in the end it is economy.

We would have been glad to have commenced some system of grading a given amount of the paths and avenues so that in a few years all avenues and paths would be in a condition that a very little labor would keep them all free from grass and weeds.

There are many improvements which might be made. The most needed are curb-stones at the corners of all avenues where carriages are apt to mar any lot and shade trees set by the road side. Your committee feel cautious about spending much money, until those who have friends and connections buried in these cemeteries and are expecting to be laid there themselves, manifest a more decided interest in the care and improvement.

It does seem that those who are expecting to spend the remainder of their lives in this town, and to be buried in one of these cemeteries, would select a lot and put it in order somewhat, and not wait until the stern messenger, Death, calls on them to do it. If those who should be particularly interested, would take hold in earnest for one year, the fund might be increased to one thousand dollars, the interest of which would supply all needed attention to the lots, so that returning friends would feel that the town had not betrayed their trust.

Hoping our successors will do more for the improvement of cemeteries, we respectfully submit this report.

HORACE BERRY,
WM. C. HARRIS,
W. D. COCHRAN,
COMMUTTEE.

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF NESMITH LIBRARY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Money in hands of trustees March 1, 1885, Received from town, interest on fund, librarian, fines collected, town, cash for obtaining books,	DR. \$1 32 60 00 7 60 4 00
town, cash for covering paper,	1 50
	\$74 42 Cr.
By cash paid Lockwood, Brooks & Co., books	\$60 63
Lt. Beehler, U. S. N.,	3 00
J. W. Lewis & Co.,	3 50
John P. Watson,	1 25
for obtaining books,	4 00
for two quires cover paper,	1 50
Money in hands of trustees,	54
	\$74 42

NUMBER AND CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

No. volumes in library at beginning of year,	2,545
No. at present time,	2,613
No. taken from library during the year,	2,149
Largest number taken in one month, January,	254
Smallest number taken in one month, July,	107
Largest number taken in one day, Feb'ry 13,	57
Smallest " " " " April 29,	3

The year past has been one of prosperity to Nesmith Library. More books have been taken from the library and read than usual. The librarian has been alert to his duties. Books presented to the library are as follows: Mexico and Mexicans, presented by B. E. Blanchard, Esq.; Glints from over the Water, presented by Hon. P. B. Cogswell, of Concord; Reports from N. H., from State Departments; also pamphlets from several U. S. Departments.

The fact that so many volumes are read by the inhabitants of our town, and summer visitors coming here annually, shows that the library is warmly appreciated. The character of the book should be known before placing them upon our library shelves. A good book is a great power to elevate, instruct and bless the reader, while a bad book is more to be feared than infectious diseases. A bad book is the criminal's guide book leading him astray from virtue and teaches him to break the laws of man and the commands of God.

I call your attention to the evident truth that a general and complete catalogue of books in Nesmith library is needed. The cost of the first catalogue was \$137.25 for

an edition of 350 copies. A new and thoroughly revised edition should soon be printed, including all the printed supplements and the manuscript one now used by the librarian.

Fellow citizens, allow me also to say, there is not much space left in the room assigned for Nesmith library to place more books. I deem it wise to speak of this now that you may be considering what is best to do in the near future. I advise that a new and commodious library building be erected, having a capacity likewise for a reading room, where people can resort to read, and use the reference books of the library. It would not seem best to take more of the town hall; and after marring the hall, still have the same high shelves and inconvenient room for our library. Hence I urge that you give this matter due consideration. There is an opportunity for any man of wealth to erect this building and present it to the town, and thus raise his name high on the scroll of fame!

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. COGSWELL,

For Trustees.

REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

Your committee in endeavoring to perform the duties assigned, would present the following report.

The different terms of school have presented a varied degree of progress, corresponding to the amount of interest enlisted on the part of scholars, and unity of action with the parents that compose the several districts in sustaining the teachers in good discipline and wholesome order; for without order, there can be no good advancement: scholars become idle, inattentive and uneasy; which soon destroys any school. But where the parents have a proper watch-care, the scholars are soon seen at home with a book looking up the lesson for the next day; studious at school, paying good attention to their own matters and allowing others to do the same.

Teachers are encouraged to do faithful work and do not tire as those who work against wind and tide; the result is a pleasant, orderly school; teacher and scholars are alike interested, and very good advancement is made throughout the entire term. And right here let it be said to the credit of the faithful ones; that we have had the pleasure of noting some remarkably fine terms the past year; would we could say this of all the schools; but

ROLL OF HONOR.

SCHOLARS WHO HAVE BEEN NEITHER ABSENT OR TARDY.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Marion L. Dow.

Hattie M. Plummer.

DISTRICT No. 2.

J. W. Cutting, 15 terms. Fred G. Cutting, 11 terms. Blanche A. Jewett. 1 term. Ida V. Jewett, 4 terms. Ildie G. Prescott, 4 terms.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Eddie B. Clark, 5 terms. Geo. H. Butterfield. Joseph A. Butterfield. Minnie L. Clark. Jennie M. Butterfield.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Mabel P. Campbell. Arthur C. Barker, 12 terms.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Walton C. Barker, 2 terms, Luther F. Smith. Jennie L. Davidson, Mary E. Fish. Bertha A. Smith. Orren A. Smith.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Register not returned.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Gracie I. Davis. Eva A. Clendennin. Vira L. Wilson. Jennie S. Wilson.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

		THIRD TERM.	Abbie R. Randall	Clara F. Bean		Mary A. Wiley		Nettie L. Young	
EES AND TEACHERS.	TEACHERS,	SECOND TERM.	Emma F. Chase	Luella Hobbs	. Cora B. Goodwin Charles H. Adams	Mary A. Wiley	Ada H. BowenAda H. BowenAda	Helen J. Bean	E. P. Pressey.
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES AND TEACHERS.	٠.	FIRST TERM.	Emma F. Chase	Luella Hobbs	Cora B. Goodwin	Mary A. Wiley	Ada H. Bowen	Helen J. Bean	E. P. Pressey
	- (COMMITTEES.	M. C. Page Emma F. Chase Emma F. Chase Abbie R. Randall	W. L. Emerson Luella Hobbs Luella Hobbs Luella Hobbs	Horace Berry	A. W. Campbell Mary A. Wiley Mary A. Wiley Mary A. Wiley	A. L. Barker.	John G. Bradford Helen J. Bean Helen J. Bean Helen J. Bean Nettie L. Young	C. H. Davis E. P. Pressey E. P. Pressey.
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Amount of School-books on hand \$50.

lack of co-operation, and short-sighted selfishness is becoming destructive in too many instances: time wasted, money squandered, petty quarrels engendered and what is worse, youthful minds injured and soured for life; fellow townsmen, is it not time to stop and consider? As

PARENTS

we are too slow to realize that our children are very soon to occupy the positions of trust in our country; consequently the first thing for them to learn is respect for law and order.

We are called a "Nation of ill manners," and have we not justly earned the title? When the child is taught at home to disobey wholesome rules at school, and if he gets punished, why the boy is not faulty, but the teacher is wrong: like the mother, who when her son was sentenced to State Prison for theft, declared her son was all right, but the law was at fault.

When the parent tells the boy he need not obey the teacher's rules; surely that parent is preparing the child to be a disgrace to himself, to his parents and a trouble-some member of the community in which he lives.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

For the years '83 and '84, the town very generously supplied books for the pupils without charge, which served a very good purpose, viz: putting into the hands of every scholar the proper book for him to study, without borrowing of his neighbor; or two studying from the same book, a very serious draw-back in many schools: it is a sad waste of time to send a child to school and not

provide suitable books with which to improve the time to advantage.

Last March meeting the town taking no action on the subject, the matter went back to the old system; that of everyone supplying their own school-books.

However at the earnest solicitation of many scholars throughout the town, that the Reading books should be changed, your committee thought best that this branch might receive the attention its importance demands; to place in the schools the "Franklin Advanced" and "New Franklin" readers in place of the "Old Franklin" series which has seemed to create an interest, much needed in the reading classes. Children tire of an old story oft repeated.

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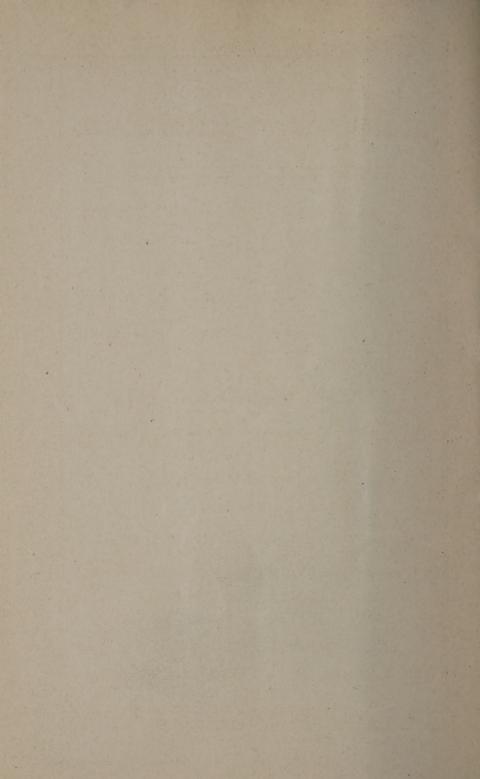
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